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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 11/23/59

WEATHER Temperatures averaged slightly below normal, with severe cold at the beginning of the week, which quickly moderated; and the remainder of the week was a little warmer than normal. There was no precipitation, humidity was generally low, and winds light. Clear skies prevailed most of the week.

CROPS Corn harvest continued to push ahead, although progress was hindered by snow and wet field conditions in the northeast. High moisture content of grain was also causing some delay in a number of eastern counties and in the North Platte Valley. By last Saturday, around four-fifths of the corn crop was picked. This is about average progress, but lags about two weeks behind the rapid harvest of the 1958 crop. Harvest was at a standstill in some northeastern localities where melting snow and muddy field conditions hampered operations. In places, harvest was a part-time affair--underway only in the early morning hours when the ground was frozen. Corn pickers moved slowly in wind-damaged fields. Most counties in the central, south central, and southwestern districts are nearing completion. A number of east central and southeast counties made good progress, although a few sections in these districts have just passed the half-way mark. Sorghum grain harvest is in the final stages with less than 7 percent of the crop remaining. Feed grain production is a record high this year.

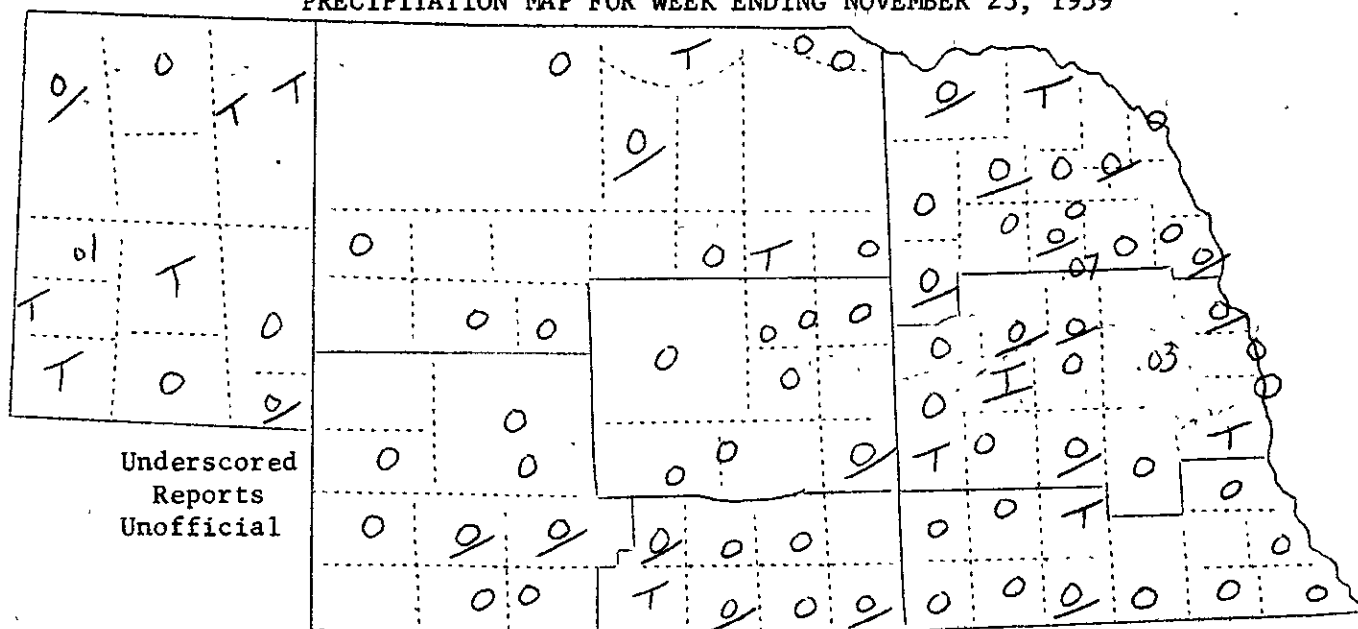
Winter wheat is reported in good condition, although plants are below average height for this time of year because of late planting. Wheat is not covering the ground as it usually does when planted at the normal date. The crop is vulnerable to damage from blowing soil and subsequent exposure, especially in areas with light soil or where surface moisture is short. Pasture and range feed conditions are about average for this time of year. Some northwestern counties and local areas in some north central counties have short supplies of range and pasture feed. Harvested corn and milo fields contain considerable roughage and fallen grain.

LIVESTOCK Demand for feeder cattle picked up locally as corn and milo harvest progressed. Lower prices were beginning to attract buyers who have been cautious about feeding cattle this winter. Some producers were hoping to get cattle to glean excessive amounts of fallen grain. Feed lots in some eastern counties were quite muddy. Daily weight gains were less during the recent low temperatures.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 1959

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	0
Lincoln	0	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	0			Sidney	0
Sioux City	0				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 1959



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		November		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	3	- 7	37	20	46	15	33	24	46	30	51	35	42	28		
	Scottsbluff	11	- 2	51	17	63	20	52	23	53	25	61	32	47	32		
	Sidney	13	0	55	22	65	24	63	23	55	24	62	32	45	27		
NC	Burwell	7	- 5	43	19	59	20	48	22	55	21	55	--	43	20		
	Valentine	2	-10	42	21	49	21	39	19	45	28	50	28	39	24		
NE	Norfolk	19	- 5	31	23	49	25	43	23	50	31	49	28	45	26		
	Sioux City	22	- 3	27	22	44	20	40	30	44	29	43	29	41	30		
Cen	Grand Island	20	- 2	39	24	62	21	48	26	59	29	58	28	48	23		
EC	Lincoln	28	5	32	26	55	27	48	32	56	32	59	31	51	28		
	Omaha	25	0	27	23	51	29	45	30	49	30	53	32	47	28		
SW	Imperial	16	4	51	25	69	26	52	29	55	26	55	36	50	25		
	North Platte	16	- 2	45	18	60	25	48	27	56	18	54	30	49	18		

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